

FIRST SESSION 59TH CONGRESS

LIBERALS ONCE MORE IN POWER

QUASHE IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Senate Adjourned Out of Respect to the Memory of Senator Platt.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Is Prime Minister of England.

Several Western Roads Violate the Law and Get Away.

RE-ELECT SPEAKER CANNON

BALFOUR FINALLY LETS GO

OPINION BY JUDGE PHILIPS

GAG LAW WILL PREVAIL DURING THE WINTER.

PROBABLE MAKE-UP OF THE NEW CABINET.

ELKINS ACT CANNOT BE MADE RETROACTIVE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The assembling today of the members of the Fifty-ninth congress for their first session was marked by no unusual incidents, but it attracted to the capital crowds of spectators, who took a lively interest in the proceedings. The day was beautiful. The sun shone brightly and the air was keen. Society was in force and filled the reserved galleries, while visitors unable to find seats roamed the corridors to catch glimpses of public men. In the senate the proceedings were brief, but most of the spectators seemed to find quite as much to interest them in observing the senators who remained on the floor after adjournment as they could have experienced had the session continued longer.

House Sat Three Hours.

The house was in session for more than three hours, and while the proceedings followed the programme that has marked the opening of congress for many years, there was enough of interest to hold an exceptionally large audience during the entire time.

One noticeable feature was the absence of flowers, which heretofore have been common to both chambers. On opening days the display had been as great as the exhibition alone would have been sufficient to attract great crowds; and the absence of floral tributes, due to a resolution adopted unanimously by the senate, and to an order by the speaker of the house, robbed the occasion of much of its picturesque quality.

During the sessions senators and representatives visited the galleries and chatted with friends.

Twenty Minutes in the Senate.

Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed by Vice President Fairbanks as a committee to notify the president that congress was ready for any communication he desired to make to the senate. In session only twenty minutes. Senators Aldrich of Rhode Island, Knox of Pennsylvania, Warner of Missouri and Francis of Tennessee took the oath of office, and an adjournment was taken as a mark of respect to the late Senator Platt of Connecticut.

The preliminary steps to organization were taken by the house. Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois was re-elected speaker; other members of the house took the oath of office; the officers and major employees of the house were elected; the rules of the house were adopted; and the members of the house were divided into their respective caucuses. The session was marked by the adoption of the rules of the house, which were passed by a vote of 228 to 122, and the election of the speaker, which was a foregone conclusion.

Speech of Mr. Williams.

In a brief speech after the adoption of the rules, the winning leader, Mr. Williams of Mississippi, touched on the interest of the country in tariff legislation, and told of the new Republic of Cuba, which was now a free people. He also touched on the interest of the country in the tariff question, and said that he would support any measure that would reduce the tariff on sugar.

Vote Was Against Him.

It was explained briefly by Mr. Dillard that the rules offered for adoption had prevailed substantially since the first session of the new congress, and the previous question, Mr. Williams secured a roll call. The vote was 228 for and 122 against ordering the previous question. The rules were then adopted on a viva voce vote.

Drawing for Seats.

On Mr. Tawney's motion the drawing for seats was begun. It was previously arranged, after some discussion, that the party should stand with the majority on the right side of the center aisle, this being necessary to accommodate the members of the Republican party. The new arrangement gives the majority the first section of thirty-five seats nearest the center aisle on the right side, and the last section of eighteen seats, known as the "Cherokee Strip," on the left side.

Ex-Speaker Keifer of Ohio and Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania, father of the house; Payne of New York; Republican leader, Mr. Williams of Mississippi, Democratic floor leader, were permitted to choose their seats before drawing. The members retired to their seats and the drawing was begun. The members of the majority were seated first, and the members of the minority followed. The drawing was completed at 3:30 o'clock.

Two Committees Appointed. Speaker Cannon announced the appointment of the committees on rules and on the judiciary. The speaker, Dillard of Pennsylvania, Grosvener of Ohio, Williams of Mississippi, De Armond of Missouri, Milage-Reeder of Kansas, Black of New York, Wharton of Illinois, Lewis of Georgia, Wood of Missouri.

Resolutions lamenting the death of Senator Platt of Connecticut and Representative B. F. Marsh of Illinois were adopted.

As a further mark of respect to the deceased, the house adjourned at 3:30 o'clock.

MESSAGE NOT READY.

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LONDON, Dec. 4.—The political crisis in the United Kingdom reached a climax today when Arthur J. Balfour, the premier, formally tendered the resignations of himself and the members of his cabinet to King Edward, who accepted them. His majesty has invited Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to form a new cabinet. Sir Henry will accept the task, and within a few days, even within a few hours, a new government will be formed.

A brief official announcement was made tonight that the cabinet had resigned. That the king had accepted the resignations of his ministers, and that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had been sent for.

Cut and Dried Programme.

It would now appear that the entire programme has been cut and dried for some time, and it is even probable that the liberal leader has already formed his cabinet, though this, like everything else in connection with British officialdom, must be left to surmise.

It may be stated as certain that Lord Rosbery will be entirely ignored in the make-up of the cabinet, and that John Morley will be one of the chief advisers of Sir Henry in drawing up the list of his official family, which will be presented to his majesty.

The New Cabinet.

Mr. Morley himself is considered likely to go to the Indian office, and it is probable that Herbert Henry Asquith will be chancellor of the exchequer. The foreign affairs portfolio will go either to Lord Elgin or Sir Edward Grey, though the latter is considered likely to be made secretary for the colonies.

The meeting of the privy council, which was set for tomorrow morning, has been postponed. It is expected that the king will leave town tomorrow afternoon to be the guest at Lord Allington's house party at Crichel, Wiltshire, but this is still uncertain.

A partial list of the honors usually conferred on the retirement of a government minister has been compiled. It includes a peerage for Sir Thomas Sanderson, the retiring under secretary of state for foreign affairs, and a number of minor honors.

Home Rule Question.

One thing is certain—that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has explained his attitude on home rule for Ireland to those liberal leaders who are known to be opposed to home rule on the lines of the late James O'Connell. It is expected that his speech at Stirling, which raised such a furore, Sir Henry has not made any statement, but it is confidently expected that he will be ready with a policy which will secure the admission of the nationalists and at the same time avoid raising the issue as one of the most prominent planks in his platform.

There is some uncertainty as to when the king will visit Ireland, but it is not considered probable until after the new year.

An interesting feature of the political situation is the proposed alliance between the Irish and the labor parties in the new parliament. The Irish are known to be an independent member, in a political speech tonight frankly invited such an alliance. He pointed out that forty-five labor members combined with seventy-five Irish members would provide a voting strength which no government, however strong, could afford to ignore.

MUCH SPECULATION.

London Press Selecting the New Liberal Cabinet.

London, Dec. 5.—The London newspapers this morning are full of speculations as to the make-up of the new cabinet. The most popular names mentioned are those of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Morley, Mr. Grey, Mr. Elgin, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Morley, Mr. Grey, Mr. Elgin, Mr. Sanderson.

SENATOR CLARK IN HIS SEAT

Montana Statesman Congratulated Upon the Complete Restoration of His Health.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator William A. Clark of Montana arrived here at 4 o'clock this morning, coming in his private car in which he recently made a tour of the country. He was met by a delegation of his friends and received many congratulations from his fellow senators upon his complete restoration of health.

As a delegate Senator Clark will attend as a delegate from Montana the convention which is to be held at Madison, Wis., under the auspices of the National Civic Education League, which is a branch of the National Civic Education League.

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LITTLE FISH ALSO ROTTEN

Peopulations in the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company.

SICKENING STORY OF GRAFT

LAWYER CLUNIE OF SAN FRANCISCO GOT \$7,500.

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MARCHED UNDER BLACK BANNERS

One Hundred Thousand Jews Marched in New York Accompanied by Bands Playing Dirges in Memory of the Slaughtered Russian Hebrews.

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NEWS COMING BY ROUNDABOUT WAY

CHANCE OFFERED TO REPUBLICANS

St. Petersburg Has Quiet Sunday, but Under Great Strain.

John Sharp Williams Introduces a Few Bills.

OPERATORS REMAIN FIRM

TARIFF REFORM POSSIBLE

COUNT WITTE TRYING TO STEM THE TIDE.

STRENGTH OF PARTY TIES TO BE TESTED.

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